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- 1. THIS IS INTERIM REPLY.
- 2. AT DEC 2 MEETING OF INTERAGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE, AGRICULTURE INTRODUCED A DRAFT NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTION FOR A PROPOSED CY 1977 TITLE I AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD FINANCE 46.7 MILLION DOLS ESTIMATED COST OF THE BALANCE OF COMMODITIES REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR RUSMIN OF SECRETARY BUTZ ON JULY 13, 1976 (I.E., 15,00 TONS RICE AND 80,00 TONS WHEAT). DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROPOSAL, BUT OMB AND TREASURY STRONGLY OPPOSED IT, WITH FAMILIAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARGUMENTS ABOUT INDONESIA'S "WEALTH", AND FACT THAT 80.3 MILLION DOLS ALLOCATION FOR INDONESIA IN FY 1977 PL 480 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION HAD ALREADY BEEN EXCEEDED BY 12.7 MILLION DOLS IN THE FY 1977 FINANCING OF CY 1976 SHIPMENTS. MENTION OF SOFTER TERMS FOR INDONESIA WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED, EITHER.

- 3. IN COOPERATION WITH EB WE THEN SECURED SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT TO HIGHER FUNDING LEVEL AND HIS RENEWED SUPPORT FOR SOFTER TERMS. MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING BOTH WENT TO PRESIDENT ON JAN 12. NO REPLY YET RECEIVED. COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WERE POUCHED TO BARDACH LAST WEEK.
- 4. UNTIL CLEARED INTER-AGENCY REPLY TO REFTEL IS RECEIVED, ARIFIN MIGHT SIMPLY BE TOLD, WHENEVER HE INQUIRES, THAT CONSIDERATION OF NEW CY 1977 AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT A SETTLING-IN PERIOD FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION, BUT THAT USG STILL IS AWARE THAT BALANCE REMAINS UNDER GOI JULY 1976 REQUEST. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO RECONFIRM THAT REQUEST, SINCE PARA TWO REFTEL DOES NOT MENTION WHEAT BALANCE.

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